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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF US MINT'S FACILITIES FOR PRODUC-
-- ING FOREIGN COUNTRY COINAGE.

AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION
TO APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING OR
SOLICITING BIDS FOR THE COUNTRY'S COINAGE REQUIREMENTS.
THE UNITED STATES MINT WILL HAVE EXCESS EQUIPMENT CAPACITY
IN CALENDAR YEAR 1976. U.S. MINT HAS FOUR FACILITIES
AVAILABLE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF OUR COINAGE WITH THE
PHILADELPHIA MINT BEING ONE OF THE MOST MODERN MINTING
FACILITIES IN THE WORLD. THE U.S. MINT ALSO HAS TECHNICAL
KNOWLEDGE TO ASSIST THE COUNTRY IN ANY COINAGE-RELATED
DECISIONS. IF PARAGUAY IS CONSIDERING SOLICITING QUOTA-
TIONS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF COINAGE IN 1976, THE U.S. MINT
WOULD APPRECIATE BEING FAVORED WITH OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT
ITS QUOTATION FOR COINAGE REQUIREMENTS. THE U.S. MINT'S
QUOTATIONS ARE BASED ON ACTUAL MANUFACTURING COST AND THE
METAL REQUIREMENTS ARE PURCHASED AT THE BEST MARKET PRICE
AVAILABLE. C.I.F. CHARGES ARE ALSO ON AN ACTUAL COST BASIS.
INQUIRIES OR REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
ATTENTION OF F.H. MACDONALD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED
STATES MINT, BUREAU OF THE MINT, 15TH AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE.,
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